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**Kwasi Kwarteng MP**  
Secretary of State  
**Department for Business,  
Energy & Industrial Strategy**  
1 Victoria Street  
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Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter consulting me on your intention to directly appoint Professor John Iredale, without competition, as the Chair of the Medical Research Council from 11 January 2022 for a period of 6 months. I am content with this appointment, and note the necessity of it in light of the resignation of Professor Fiona Watt from this role.

Yours sincerely,

**William Shawcross**  
**Commissioner for Public Appointments**